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LOCAL GAYS ADVISED TO BE POLITICALLY ACTIVE

TUCSON - City Councilman Thomas J. Volgy and other local officials spoke at the Fineline on Monday, June 25 at a political forum sponsored by the Tucson Lesbian and Gay Pride Committee. Volgy spoke on, what he termed, "a silent issue".

The silent issue was Gay rights and, specifically, discrimination against Gays based on their sexual preferences. The issue is silent because that kind of discrimination is usually not contested by its victim.

Volgy reminded the group that he has been a long-time supporter of equal rights, and he urged the group to use the City Council to make their needs apparent to others.

In the seven years he has been on the council, Volgy said there had been "virtually no contact" between the council and the Gay and Lesbian community. The issue of discrimination in employment or housing will not be solved unless people from the Gay community are willing to be open about themselves as well as their needs, he said.

"This issue has never emerged publicly on the council," Volgy told the group. "I believe the council is sensitive enough to believe it is a civil rights issue." Unless people discuss the issue, no changes will be made, he said. Volgy also encouraged the group to become as cohesive as possible and to challenge public officials by making them aware of issues of interest to members of the Gay community.

While the city of Tucson has a human rights ordinance that prohibits discrimination on the basis of sexual preference, the county does not, said Vertie Sparks. Sparks is an affirmative action officer with the County Department of Employee Services. Although the county cannot discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, ancestry, gender, age, physical handicap, national origin, or marital status, it can discriminate on the basis of sexual preference, she said. To correct the situation, Sparks encouraged the group to get organized and support candidates that are sensitive to their needs.

"What you are doing tonight is a step in the right direction," she said. She also suggested they expand the forum to include officials who are running for re-election on the County Board of Supervisors.

Jesse Borboa, an investigator for the Tucson Human Relations Commission, said he would be available to members of the group who feel they have been discriminated against, although he added that it is hard to prove someone did not get a job or was fired from a job because of his or her sexual preference.

Kim Hunter, an openly Gay delegate to the Democratic National Convention, urged members of the group to go public, to run for political office and to selectively vote for candidates who are sensitive to Gay issues.

Terry Wilson - Tucson Citizen.

GPW STUNNING SUCCESS

TUCSON - Lesbian and Gay Pride Week 1984 in Tucson was without a doubt the best handled, best promoted and best attended in the history of the Old Pueblo. This was due in no small part, to the efforts of the Tucson Lesbian and Gay Pride Committee who spent many hours in planning the weeklong activities and sponsored the fundraisers which enabled the Committee to produce the successful events. The TLGPC is to be commended for their total effort in these endeavors.

Pride Week got off to a big start at the annual Picnic in Himmel Park. Over 1,200 people attended this years celebration and consumed 16 kegs of beer, and many cases of soft drinks. Between 60 and 70 people were registered to vote at the picnic. Bob Bishop, Jr. of the Joshua Tree and their DJ Guy provided music throughout the afternoon. A live women's band also played to the delight of the afternoon crowd.

On Monday, 60 people attended the Political Forum at the Fineline where city councilman and vice Mayor Tom Volgy spoke. (See separate story this issue). Also appearing were Jesse Barboa, the city's investigator of human rights complaints and Vertie Sparks, affirmative action officer for Pima County. Kim Hunter, who was elected as the first openly Gay delegate from Arizona to the Democratic National Convention last month, also spoke to the group.

On Tuesday, approximately 150 people were on hand to watch the Dance Contest at Tramps. 9 couples were in the contest. On Wednesday, 225 people showed up at Rollers for an evening of roller skating with no injuries reported. On Thursday 78 people enjoyed the movie "Suddenly Last Summer" at Colette's West.

Only 32 people showed up for the free bus ride to Gates Pass for Inspiration Night. Perhaps the rain or threats of rain scared many but from reports of those who attended, it was a beautiful sunset and a beautiful event. More than 50 persons attended the day long workshops held on Saturday at the MCC Church building. The workshops were rebroadcast on KXCI Community radio on Sunday, July 1.

A great week, one that will be long remembered by the hundreds who participated. Thanks to all those businesses, individuals and organizations who helped TLGPC in making Lesbian and Gay Pride Week '84 the huge success that it was.

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EDITORIAL

A PAPER WHOSE TIME HAS COME

It all started way back in 1977 when the first issue of the TGN (Tucson Gay News) rolled off the presses. At the time there was no regular weekly paper in the entire state of Arizona. Needless to say the new venture took off like the wind. The first issue was on an 8 1/2 x 11 piece of paper, printed on one side only. The next issue was both sides, then two more pages then twelve and so on. The decision was made to go to tabloid size, increase the readership to include Phoenix and the Arizona Gay News was born. Lasting over six years and imparting thousands of words of "wisdom" throughout the Gay communities of Arizona, the AGN was one of five weekly Gay papers in the entire country. Beset by financial losses the AGN was put to rest in early 1983.

In March of 1983 some Phoenix investors saw the need for an opposition paper and The New Paper was born and continued to publish on a weekly basis until taken over by The Attitude in July of that year. Again beset by financial difficulties The Attitude continued until three weeks ago when the towel was thrown in. All three papers were good ones and I was proud to have helped in their success.

By the way, success is not necessarily measured in money, but unfortunately the printers, typesetters, utilities, and the myriad of other collectors do not see it that way.

Getting off to a sound financial base is of the utmost importance in the establishment of a newspaper such as this. When the issue as to whether or not Tucson could support a paper of its own, I was assured by every Gay business establishment in this area that they would back the paper with whatever means possible to ensure the weekly publication of a Tucson oriented newspaper aimed at the Tucson Gay and Lesbian community.

To those business men and women,

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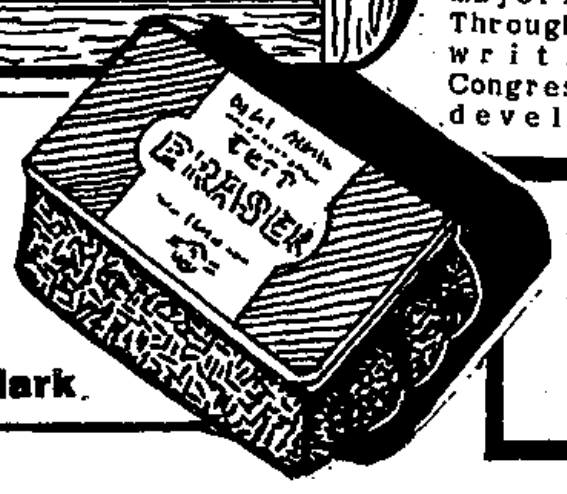

NGTF RESPONSE TO SELECTION OF FERRARO AS MONDALE'S RUNNING-MATE

Congresswoman Geraldine A. Ferraro. ***(photo by Peter A. Melillo)***

NEW YORK, NY - Former Vice-President Walter Mondale has taken an historic step for the Democratic Party and the nation in choosing a woman as running-mate. The Democratic Party has demonstrated the capacity and strength to hear, to respond to, and include a majority of Americans. Throughout the platform-writing process, Congresswoman Ferraro has developed a working relationship with the Gay and Lesbian community. Her record in Congress has not been as supportive of our community as we would have liked, but as she has begun looking toward a broader national constituency, there has been more growth. To the extent that the platform is a reflection of that growth, she has moved a long way very quickly. We look forward to continuing the dialogue during the campaign.

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NGTF SURVEY INDICATES WIDESPREAD ANTI-GAY/LESBIAN VIOLENCE

NEW YORK, NY - Violence against Lesbians and Gay men is widespread in America, according to a survey released today by the National Gay Task Force. Results of the study, which was conducted in cooperation with local Gay/Lesbian organizations in eight U.S. cities in June and July 1983, show that of nearly 2,100 Lesbian and Gay people surveyed, more than 90% said they experienced some type of victimization because of their sexual orientation.

The release of the NGTF Violence Project survey results came several days before the Democratic Convention which is expected to approve a platform pledging to "Address, document and end" violence directed against "women, ethnic, racial and religious minorities and Gay men and Lesbians."

"This study confirms in plain numbers what many in our community have long understood," said NGTF Executive Directoro Virginia Apuzzo. "To be Gay or Lesbian in America is to live in the shadow of violence."

Among the highlights of the NGTF report were: 1. Greater than one in five males and nearly one in ten females said they had been punched, hit, kicked or beaten because they are Gay, or Lesbian, and approximately the same ratios had suffered some form of police abuse. 2. Approximately one-third of respondents stated they had been verbally abused by relatives because of their sexual orientation, and more than seven percent reported having been physically abused as well. 3. One fifth of the females and nearly half of the males surveyed said they had been harassed, threatened or phsically attacked in high school or junior high school because they were perceived to be Lesbian or Gay. 4. Almost half of the males surveyed and more than one-third of the females had been threatened with physical violence because of their sexual orientation. 5. Almost one-quarter of respondents said they had objects thrown at them because they are Lesbian or Gay, and more than a third had been chased or followed. 6. More than 90 percent of the males and 75 percent of the females had been verbally harassed because of their sexual orientation.

Anti-Gay/Lesbian violence clearly affects the attitudes and behavior of those surveyed: more than four in five respondents said they believe they might be victimized at some time in the future because of their sexual orientation, and most (64%) agreed that anti-Gay/Lesbian violence is prevalent enough to cause them to fear for their safety. Forty-eight percent said that they have modified their behavior because of anti-Gay/Lesbian violence.

The NGTF report was made possible by grants from the Chicago Resource Center and the Fund For Human Dignity. Copies can be obtained from NGTF for $4.00.

In Fond Memory

Jim Beatty

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NEW COUNSELING GROUP FORMS

TUCSON - Dan Overbeck, Ph.D., Developmental Psychologist with the Center for Human Development in Tucson, will begin a men's counseling group in early August, 1984. The counseling group will be limited to a maximum of six men who present a range of persistent concerns regarding self-identity and self worth, coming out, relationship difficulties, personal adequacy or other issues of a Gay or bisexual orientation. Meeting times for the group will be scheduled, as much as possible, to the convenience of the participants. Participants may be self-referred or be referred by their individual counselors or therapists.

The Center for Human Development's counseling group will differ from the on-going support group in that the men participating in the counseling group will typically express more persistent and disruptive concerns. The emphasis of the group will be providing a safe, nurturant emotional setting wherein each man can openly and fully examine the recurring disruptive themes in his life, identify reasonable alternatives to resolve the problems and obtain the personal, emotional support needed while different alternatives are tested in real life settings. Although the group will not focus on changing orientations, per se, the group will provide a healthy, accepting environment within which a participant may examine their desire to change, and the implications of any attempts made toward changing to a more heterosexual orientation.

Additional information regarding the counseling group may be obtained byd contacting the Center for Human Development office at (602) 884-0476.

LETTERS

Dear Editor:

Please print this letter in response to the rumors that certain groups of individuals have started in trying to hurt and undermine the business of Rita's Rendezvous.

Rita's Rendezvous has not, will not nor does it ever have any intention of closing.

We will soon be celebrating our 3rd year anniversary of "continuous" service to the Gay community. We feel we have given our customers a clean, fun, friendly and fair establishment to socialize and party in and we want to thank our staff for this. In return for this, most of our customers have shown their appreciation and made Rita's Rendezvous their home away from home. Thank you, for this proves to us that we are doing exactly what you as our customers want.

So, in conclusion, to this certain group of individuals who want to hurt and undermine our business, mind your own business and maybe you will do better. For Confucius say: "Man who scratches other peoples business wake up with smelly finger."

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GREAT OUTDOORS UPDATE

TUCSON - Several outings were enjoyed by members of Great Outdoors of Tucson during the past weeks. A backpack outing in the Santa Rita Mountains was held on June 30 and July 1. A Sunday picnic was held at Lake Patagonia on July 8th and on July 15th many of the group went on a tubing trip on the Salt River.

Coming up in August is a day hike to Maverick Springs in the Santa Catalina Mountains and camping on top of Mount Graham. Late in August is a car camp at Chaco Canyon in New Mexico.

The August general meeting of Great Outdoors will be on Thursday, August 9 at 7:30 p.m. at Gusto Distributing Company, 3635 E. 34th Street in Tucson.

The Tucson Chapter of Great Outdoors is affiliated with Great Outdoors chapters in California and Desert Adventures in Phoenix. All activities are open to men and women, members and non-members. For more information call 623-4897 in Tucson.

UNITARIANS OK GAY MARRIAGE

NEW YORK, NY - By an overwhelming vote, delegates to the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship's General Assembly sanctioned marriages between Lesbian and Gay couples. The Unitarians' action was the first of its kind by a major religious group in the country.

Unitarians have been consistent supporters of Lesbian and Gay rights. In 1970, the church endorsed civil rights for Gays and Lesbians, and in 1980 voted to support congregations who call Gay and Lesbian ministers. About six Unitarian clergy are openly Gay.

"This is a human rights issue in the sense of affirming human beings, to acknowledge and affirm and celebrate their committment together," according to the Rev. Robert Wheatley, director of the Unitarians' Office of Gay and Lesbian Concerns. Wheatley has conducted about 40 ceremonies for Gay and Lesbian couples.

GAY EMPLOYEES TO FORM ORGANIZATION

TUCSON - Sunday, August 5 at noon in the BER at the Fineline will be the place and time for an organizational meeting for anyone interested in forming a Gay business employees association. All bar employees or employees of any Gay oriented business or an employee of a business that does business with the Gay community is urged to attend this initial, organizational meeting. The association is to be primarily a social one.

Interested persons should call Jim Adams at Tramps, 882-0795..

GAY PROFESSIONALS SOUGHT FOR TUCSON DIRECTORY

TUCSON - A Tucson Gay Community Directory is being published on a regular basis, and professionals, businesses and services are being sought for inclusion. Sponsored by the Tucson Lesbian and Gay Pride Committee, the first directory was published and distributed during Lesbian and Gay Pride Week in June. The second edition is now being prepared.

Attorneys, doctors, counselors, real estate sales personnel or brokers, maintenance people, artists, mechanics, animal care people, etc., anyone who is interested in doing business with the Gay community of Tucson is urged to contact Rich Blum, 622-4405 (9 a.m. - 9 p.m.) or Rick, 745-9345 eves.

TLGPC wants to support your business if you are interested in doing business with the Gay community.

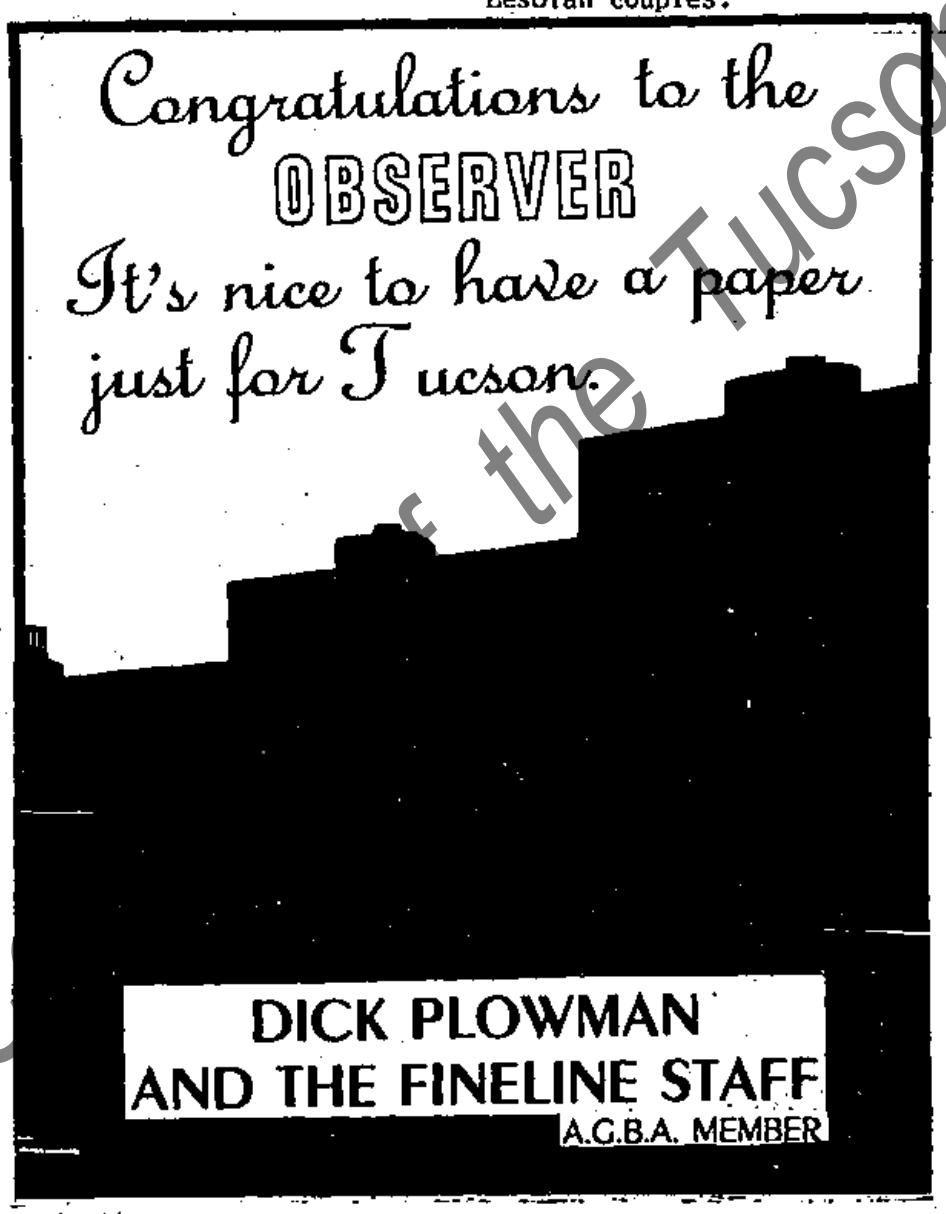
NGRA DEFENDS TEACHER VICTORY IN U.S. SUPREME COURT

SAN FRANCISCO, CA - The state of Oklahoma is asking the U.S. Supreme Court to reinstate its anti-Gay teacher statute. The law, which prohibits discussion of homosexuality by school teachers, was declared unconstitutional earlier this year by the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit. That decision seemed to signal an end to a five year legal challenge mounted by National Gay Rights Advocates (NGRA), the San Francisco-based public interest law firm. However, the Oklahoma legislature then voted by an overwhelming margin to take the case to the Supreme Court.

NGRA will be submitting its reply brief this week. Leonard Graff, NGRA Legal Director, said, "We are asking the Court to affirm the appellate decision. It was a sound, well reasoned ruling based on established First Amendment principles."

Jean O'Leary, NGRA Executive Director, said, "The obvious purpose of this homophobic law was to eliminate Gay teachers. NGRA's commitment to defending out right to work and to speak out on Gay issues will surely be vindicated in the Supreme Court."

The Supreme Court can simply affirm the appellate decision or it can grant a full review. This would entail additional briefing and oral arguments. Since the Court is now in its summer recess, a decision will not be made until the first week in October.



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thank you on behalf of myself and the community as a whole for providing the means of communication that is so badly needed.

In addition, support has come from other sources. People have volunteered to type, write and help in whatever means are needed. To those people I want to thank, and encourage anyone else interested in helping out in the production of this weekly newspaper for our community, to come on over.

Truly, this is a newspaper whose time has come. A unique venture in the world of journalism, and I again want to thank all of you who have played such an important part in the formation of this effort. Thanks.

Bob Ellis.....

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U.S. MAYORS CONFERENCE ENDORSES GAY/LESBIAN RIGHTS

PHILADELPHIA, PA - The U.S. Conference of Mayors endorsed a resolution recommending "that all levels of government adopt legal protections for the rights of Gay and Lesbian Americans," at their annual meeting here. Commenting on the passage of the resolution National Gay Task Force Executive Director Virginia Apuzzo said, "This is explicit recognition that discrimination based on sexual orientation is a reality in the everyday lives of Gay and Lesbian Americans. It also places legislative and executive efforts to remedy this problem squarely within the general civil rights agenda.

The Conference is the first organization of elected officials to take a position in favor of Gay and Lesbian civil rights. The resolution addressed discrimination in employment, housing, and the criminal and civil justice systems, as well as government policies excluding Gay and Lesbians from military service and immigrating to the United States.

The issue was first considered by the Conference's Committee on Human Development during a presentation by Apuzzo in Washington, DC in January. The resolution's sponsors - Arthur J. Holland of Trenton, NJ; Thomas H. Cook of East Orange, NJ and Marion S. Barry of Washington, DC - all argued for passage during a Resolutions Committee debate. Cook said it was "incumbent (upon) enlightened public officials" to provide equal opportunity for all citizens. Mayor Holland suggested that specific protections were needed because Gay and Lesbian rights were not implicit in the Constitution. Barry reminded his colleagues that no matter how small their city, they had Gay and Lesbian constituents who needed legal protection.

More than fifty state and local jurisdictions in the United States already have legal protections against discrimination based on sexual orientation. "Today's action," NGTF's Apuzzo said, "will be a major impetus for a push by local groups to expand that list.

NGTF Washington Representative Jeff Levi, who was present at the conference, added "The action by the mayors is a response to the growing realization that for civil rights protections to be meaningful they must be applied to all minorities in society without exception."

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COMING OUT TO YOUR PARENTS

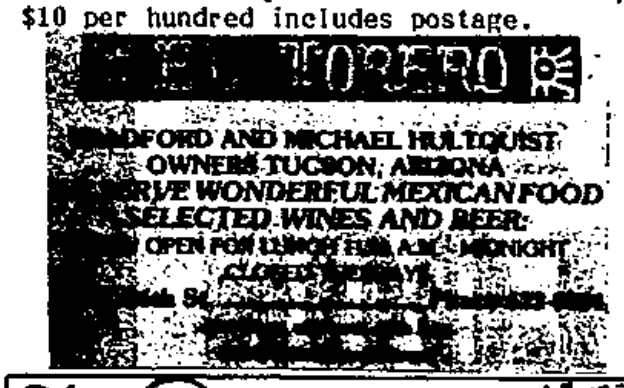
PHILADELPHIA, PA - "Coming Out To Your Parents" is a 16-page booklet published for Gay men and Lesbians who are considering coming out to their parents. The booklet, published by Philadelphia Parents of Gays (POG), identifies six stages most parents go through when they learn of their Gay child's sexual orientation.

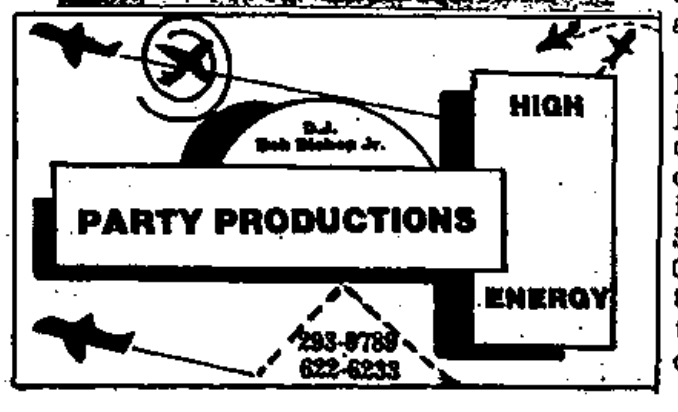
The six stages of understanding (shock, denial, guilt, anger, personal decision making and true acceptance) are described, along with specific ways young adults can assist their parents in each of these stages. The author, the father of a Gay son, identifies the stages on his personal experience and hundreds of other parents who have attended Philadelphia POG.

A list of over 100 parent groups/contacts in 47 states is provided. These parent groups are members of the Federation of Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (Parents Flag), whose headquarters is in Los Angeles.

The booklet was published to use at Philadelphia POG's November 18, 1984 "Coming Out To Your Parents Workshop". This annual workshop is conducted by POG because they want to assist young adults in considering coming out to their parents and to enable them to do so in a manner that is helpful and productive to the family. "We considered how we could strengthen the family during this usually stressful time," said POG President, Tom Sauerman. "As parents who know first-hand the full range of emotions and responses, we felt we can guide young people even before the moment of disclosure to their parents.

For a free single copy, send a self-addressed, stamped business envelope to POG, P.O. Box 15711, Philadelphia, PA 19013. Address the envelope as you wish, no additional marks will be added by POG. Additional copies are 15 cents each, $10 per hundred includes postage.





by Doc Hayes

The Tucson Knight Owls started their fifth year on July 14 at Rita's Rendezvous with a 6-hour champagne party. After the regularly scheduled meeting, all the members and friends tried to put a dent in the champagne but the champagne won, and outlasted most of the club members. At 4:00 the outgoing president Doc, proceeded to install the newly elected officers - Tommy M. - President; Elmer W.- Vice President; Bill H. - Treasurer; Bill H. (another person) - Secretary and Chester B. - Activities Captain. Then everyone in attendance started in on the free buffet supplied by club members. A good time was had by all. Plenty of champagne, drink and food consumed by club members and friends. Good luck to all the new officers in the 84-85 year and may it be truly a brotherhood year.

A couple of upcoming events the club will be doing is a campout on Mount Lemon on July 28. On August 17 TKO will depart for the City Of Rocks (outside of Deming, New Mexico) for the annual brotherhood run with their brother club Hijos Del Sol. Anyone interested in going on either campout or for more information on the TKO contact a club member at their home bar, Rita's Rendezvous.

Another visible and active club in Tucson is TALL - Tucson Arizona Levi and Leather Club. This weekend, July 21, you will find them at the Joshua Tree/Back Pocket holding a "Beach Party". Plenty of good times are planned with the top attraction being a raffle with the prize being 3 days and 2 nights, $100 cash in San Carlos, Mexico. Let's get out (swim suit?) and support this fun day. Anyone interested in more information on this club can contact a club member at their home bar, The Graduate.

For any other club that would like their activities mentioned or just general information about your club published in this column, please contact Doc Hayes or leave the information at Rita's Rendezvous by Sunday afternoon or send it to The Observer, P.O. Box 50733, Tucson, AZ 85703-1733. Every effort will be made to get your information out in plenty of time for support.

Courtesy of the Tucson LGBTQ Museum

LOCAL MENTAL HEALTH NETWORK MEETS

TUCSON - The third in an ongoing series of networking meetings between the Tucson/County Gay and Lesbian community and the area mental health professionals was held last month at the Porter House of the Tucson Botanical Garadens. Virginia Zeeb, ACSW, and Tom Peloso, counselors at La Frontera Center, facilitated discussion on the issues of coming out as a married person and as a parent.

A multi-agency committee was responsible for planning and conducting the network meetings and all activities were provided through voluntary efforts and contributions. Gay and Lesbian representatives, as well as non-Gays were included in the planning committee. Participating agencies include: The Family Counseling Agency - Ford Nicholson; The Center for Human Development - Dan Overbeck, PhD.; La Frontera Center - Tom Peloso; New Directions for Young Women - Betsey Steele; Inner Human Energy - Ginnie Weber; Southern Arizona Mental Health Center - Joan Bussanich, Ph.D. and Valerie Chapman Gale, Ph.D.

Invitations have been extended to all area mental health professionals and agencies; the network mailing list continues to grow with the names of local persons interested in, and supportive of, the liaison between the two groups.

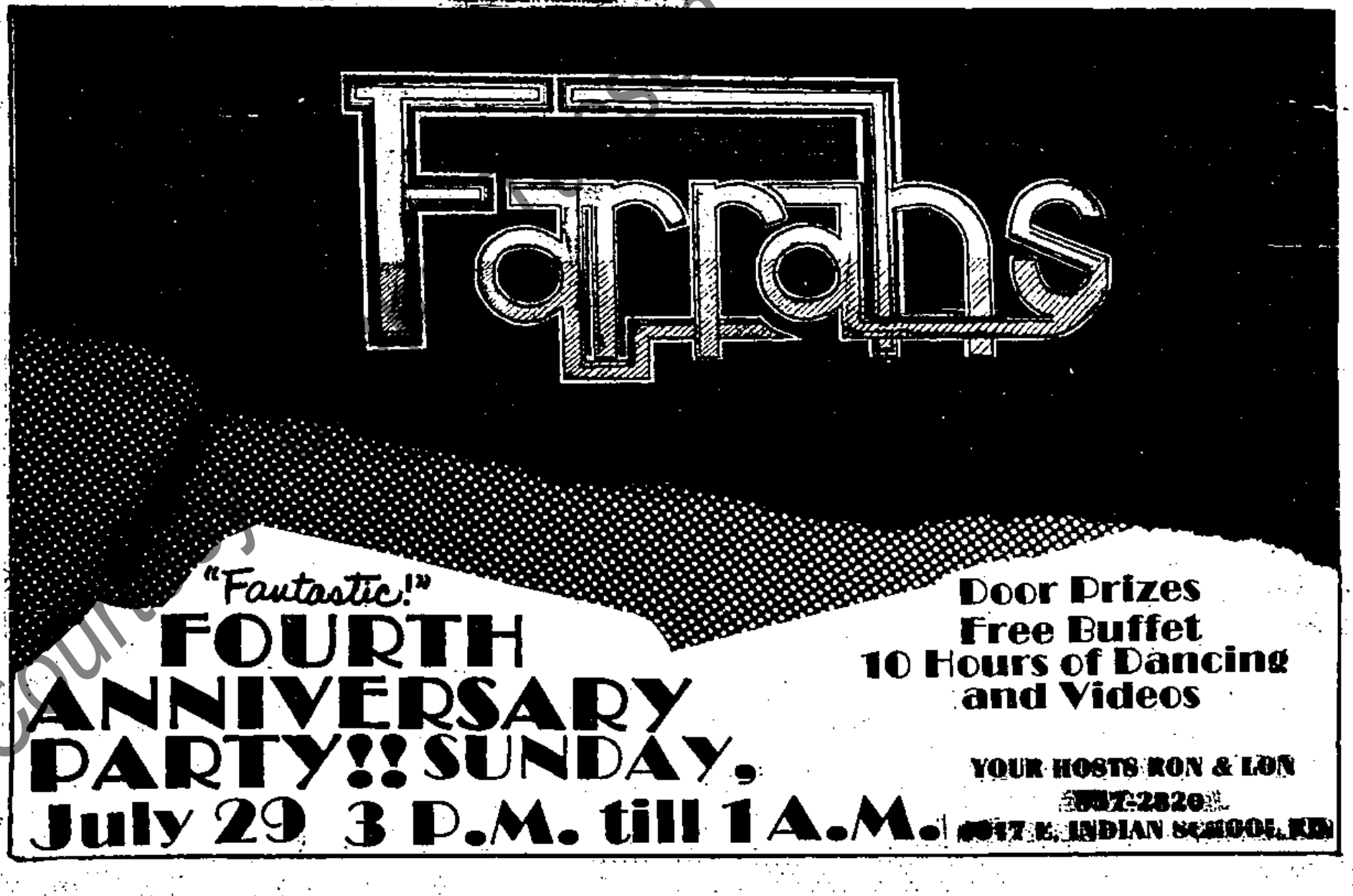
All network sessions are open to the members of the Gay and Lesbian community who are interested in the topics presented or in the work of the Network Committee.

Bed(ding) By The Bay

SAN FRANCISCO, CA - Bed-By-The-Bay is a bed and breakfast agency which places visitors to San Francisco in private Gay or Lesbian homes, apartments and condominiums. It has become a vital part of Gay San Francisco. The service is a unique concept of the long-accepted bed-and-breakfast tradition that, for years, has been popular throughout Europe, and which is gaining fast acceptance in this country.

Acclaimed as the first of its Gay kind in the United States, Bed-By-The-Bay was founded in 1981 by Don Stanke and Patt Shea. "Since then," says Don, "we have acquired more than 55 host accommodations in San Francisco and Marin County. We have placed more than 100 guests. Some of our homes are authentic Victorian and Edwardian landmarks. For those who don't care about folklore, we have contemporary accommodations in first-class condominiums and homes with views, sundecks and patios." Stanke continues, "All of our Gay hosts and hostesses express one wish: That their guests should feel at home. They do everything possible to accomplish that goal such as tips regarding restaurants, baths, bars, etc. Bed-By-The-Bay's start at $19 per day for single occupancy. All accommodations are located on or near public transportation and are accessible to the Gay Castro, Haight, Folsom or Polk districts.

As a means of protecting their hosts, the agency obtains references from each guest, along with the guest's personal interests. "Our aim is to provide not only comfort for each guest, but a distinct ambiance of harmony between guest and host, with our agency acting as intermediary," says Stanke. For full details contact Bed-By-The-Bay by mail at P.O. Box 902, Sausalito, CA 94966.



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LESBIAN & GAY ASSOCIATED ENGINEERS AND SCIENTISTS ANTI-GAY ALERT!

One of the methods used by anti-Gay psychiatrists to invasively determine sexual orientation in conjunction with aversion treatments is the Electroencephalogram (EEG). This apparatus up to now had limitations. It had to be attached to the head with electrodes using conductive pastes and it primarily measured the electrical activity at the surface and near the surface areas of the brain.

Recently, as reported in the McGraw Hill magazine "Electronics", November 1982, a new method of measurement of brain activity called the Magnetoencephalogram (MEG) has been developed using superconducting Quantum interference Devices (SQUIDS). This device can not only measure the electrical activity within the brain that was previously only accessible through surgical implantation of electrodes, but it can also do it without physical contact with the subject. Additionally, the device can characterize other parameters that the EEG could not measure.

Though primarily designed to aid epileptics, its interest to Anti-Gay psychiatrists is virtually assured. Every technical advance that measures any neurological function has been used by anti-Gay psychiatrists to detect homosexuals that might be trying to evade detection and to monitor the effects of aversion therapy, both drug-shock and electroshock.

The equipment has been miniaturized from cumbersome large apparatus to a small portable unit. Formerly the apparatus had to be strapped to the subject.

The Lesbian and Gay Associated Engineers and Scientists (LGAES) urges all Gays and Lesbians not to participate in any experiments using Magnetocephalograms in sexual orientation measurements. If in doubt please feel free to contact LGAES who will be more than willing to investigate the matter. Also LGAES is interested in any anti-Gay research of this kind and would appreciate reports of any such research.

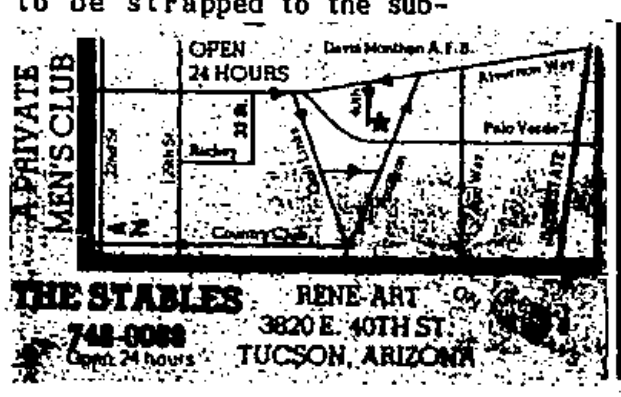
The following is the LGAES guide for detecting or avoiding anti-Gay research: 1. Do not participate in any experiment in which a penile plethsymograph is attached to you. This is a device to measure the extend of an erection in the male. The date could be used to evaluate the accuracy and effectiveness of some new device or machine.

2. If films, photos, or sounds of an erotic nature are shown, do not participate. Measurements of your heartbeat, pupillar response, or galvanic skin response could be used to invasively detect Gays.

3. Investigate the researcher. Determine if any anti-Gay studies have been published. Your medical library, Gay Student group or LGAES could provide information to help.

4. Notify your local Gay organizations, LGAES, and local Gay paper if any anti-Gay research is detected.

5. Discourage any non-Gay friends from participating. Straight people are used as the control in the studies. If the researcher is a professor at a university, warn his students so that he cannot draw his controls from his students.



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BOOKS

BEYOND THE MEN'S ROOM DOOR:

BY DICK

So many of the famous and not so famous have jumped on the literary bandwagon. Whether to tell all about their lives or how to be beautiful like them, it seems as though someone is coming out with a new book each week. Wouldn't it be interesting if some of our celebrities were to write a book. Why some of the titles and subject matter we might read are .....

"The CoCo Chanel Coloring Book" - lots of fun pictures to color. Taken from some of the many, many, many photos of CoCo that she has forced us to look at over the years. Black crayons extra.

"The 'I Married Don P.' Joke Book" Volumes 1 thru 12. Now available in paperback.

"If Life is a Strawberry Shortcake, When Do I Get Whipped" by Teacher John.

"The Bill McT. Diet" No actual written diet programs, just inspirational photos of Bill in various stages of undress.

"I Was A Pharmacist's Dream" by Eddie Florez.

"Acting Married - Being Single" by Bob R. A sequel to his popular novel "Acting Single - Being Married".

"My Life With Cecil and d'Pill" by JoJo. Never mind!

Every Bishop has a Queen" by Sally B.

"New York Is Just A Rolls Away" by Rita and Vinny C.

"The Young Executive Guide to Management" by Gary H.

The "I Slept With Stuart S. Handbook". A guide to what one needs to do or wear to get Stuart into bed.

"The T-Room Junkie" A sleepy tale by Del S. as he reveals all about the many restrooms he has slept in.

"The Liz Taylor Wedding Book - Tucson Style" Written by an expert in weddings and honeymoons, but not in marriage, yet never gives up. Guess who????

"Lady and the Tramps" is an interesting novel about three sisters. One is still a tramp (David R.) and the other two who wanted to be Tramps (Jason & Jim). Interesting ending. Written by Curtis L.

"J.B.'s Fineline to Whoring"is a lovers guide of what to do when your lover isn't around.

"I Suffered From The Lou Grant Syndrome" by Bob Ellis.

"Gentlemen Do Prefer Natural Blondes. If Only I Could Find One". A suspensful mystery as the author Gary C. tries to find either a gentleman or natural blonde hair.

"The Young, Cute and Hung Mans Guide for Better Skiing" by Phil S.

"The New Hanging From The Rafters Guide For Exercise" by Phil C.

"The Party is Never Over". An interesting non-work book by Ron L. on how to attend a party and always stay all night, even if you have to sleep on top of somone's car. Photos by Ricky N.

"Let's Go To The Movies For Only A Quarter" by Rick D.

"Let's Watch Others Spend Their Quarters" by Steve R.

"Spend Your Quarters Or Out"by some employees at Caesar's Bookstore.

"If God Didn't Want Me To Give Birth, Then Why Did He Give Me Child Bearing Hips" by Norma Jean.

"Ferns Can Be Your Friends Too" by Monte Jon.

"Hair Does Not Make The Man" by Brenda Starr.

LOOK FOR NEW PUBLICATIONS IN FUTURE ISSUES OF THIS PAPER..

THE TUCSON CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY
BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - Draft Beer Bust 9-1 .40 Glass
COLETTE'S WEST - Well Liquor .85 9 to Midnight
FINELINE - .75 Tall Neck Beer Bottle Night
RITA'S - Well Shots .75 - Free Hors d'oeuvres

THURSDAY
BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - Bottle Beer Nite .90 domestic 9:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m.
COLETTE'S WEST - Draft Beer Bust 9 p.m.-midnight $2.00
FINELINE - Kamikazee Nite .75 / Showtime in the BFR
RITA'S - Well shots .75 - Free Hors d'oeuvres

FRIDAY
SATURDAY
BACK POCKET - Noon to 7 p.m. Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, Cheeseburgers, steak sandwiches served.
COLETTE'S WEST - Free Pool from noon to 4 p.m.
RITA'S RENDEZVOUS - Beer Bust starts at 4 p.m. $1.50.
TRAMPS - 6:00 a.m. "Bathrobe Hour" Special Prices. 8:00 to 11:00 a.m.

SUNDAY
BACK POCKET - Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, Cheeseburgers, Steak Sandwiches Noon to 8:00 p.m. Steak Dinner 4 to 8 p.m. $4.50.
Cheeseburgers, steak sandwiches. Noon to 7:00 p.m.
COLETTE'S WEST - Sunday Sick Call - All Juice Drinks $1.00 Happy Hour Prices 4 - 9
FINELINE (DICKS) - Draft Beer and a Big Dick $1.10. Showtime in BFR at 9 p.m.
RITA'S RENDEZVOUS - Beer Bust starts at 4 p.m. $1.50. DJ Dancing from 3 to 6 and 9 to close.
TRAMPS - Sunday Tea Dance begins at noon.

MONDAY
COLETTE'S WEST - Monday Night Madness - $1.00 Margaritas 9:00 p.m. to Midnight.
FINELINE - All Well Drinks .75.

TUESDAY
COLETTE'S WEST - .75 domestic beer. Pool Tournament from 9 to midnight on alternate Tuesdays.
FINELINE - .75 Kamikazee Nite
RITA'S RENDEZVOUS - South of the Border Nite - Mexican Dinner 6:30 to 9:00 p.m. $2.25.

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TUCSON SUPPORT GROUP

TUCSON - The Tucson-based Center for Human Development is scheduling another five-week Men's Support Group beginning this month. The program is not a counseling or therapy group, but rather an opportunity for married Gay men to explore the issues that are central to healthy adjustment and optimum personal functioning. The format of the series includes a weekly meeting of approximately two hours; each of the five meetings focuses on a specific issue for discussion and is followed by an opportunity for the participating men to share their ideas, feelings, needs and suggestions regarding the week's topic. No formal presentations are planned. An informal rap will be available following each two-hour meeting for those men who wish to continue the relationship-building, and the group may continue beyond the planned five-weeks if the participants wish.

The support group operates on the premise that each man's marital and Gay status is a highly individual and unique matter. As such, each man must decide whether he wishes to work toward sustaining and strengthening the marital relationship or instead to move toward dissolution of of the marriage; whether to come out to his wife (and/or family) or to keep his homosexual interests and activities covert; whether he will be open to, or insulated from, the possibilities of an emotional, affectional relationship with another man and the implications of that decision; how he can best cope with the feelings of resentment, confinement, guilt, ambivalence, etc. that can occur as he tries to express his full sexual and emotional self and still maintain the expected martial role; and how he will cope with the desire for Gay sexual outlets and the inter-personal and health issues that can arise.

During the five weeks, the participating married Gay will have a positive, self-enhancing opportunity to explore and examine his values, beliefs, sexuality and capacity for personal intimacy. All matters relating to the group are discreetly managed and confidentiality is assured.

Although the Men's Support Group is limited to approximately six men each session, two concurrent groups are planned. The only eligibility requirements are that the participant must be (1) Gay or bisexual and (2) planning marriage, currently married or recently divorced. There is space available for two more men; any married Gay who is interested in the remaining openings may contact Dr. Dan Overbeck's office, himself a formerly married Gay psychologist, at 884-0476 for additional details. Meeting dates and times will be scheduled once the participant roster is full, and will, as much as possible, be at the convenience of the participants.

GAY SITCOM ON CABLE

HOLLYWOOD, CA - "Brothers," a weekly, openly Gay situation comedy is now being taped for cable pay station "Showtime," after NBC declined because the show was deemed "too advanced" for network airing. "Showtime" placed an order for seven episodes, with an option for six more. According to producer Gary Nardino, "Brothers" will involve the "ongoing story of how two conservative brothers in a blue collar family treat a younger brother who suddenly scraps his wedding plans and informs his family that he is a homosexual.

The episodes will be shot on the old "Laverne and Shirley" set using a three-camera technique, making a live audience a possibility. Nardino called the show a "groundbreaker, much the same way 'All In The Family' was in its time." It will "deal with the issues frankly but with humor and honesty. We hope to present a very clear and open view of the homosexual lifestyle.

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UNITED SUED BY GAY MAN

LOS ANGELES, CA - United Airlines is the target of a suit filed in Los Angeles by a Gay flight attendant who claims he was in effect fired because he has AIDS. In his suit, Gar Mitchel Traynor, who had worked for the airline since 1973, was put on permanent "medical leave without compensation" after he told United of his disease in late 1982.

Traynor claims that United publicly acknowledged that having AIDS posed no health threat to the public or his co-workers. Nevertheless, the airline did not give Traynor a chance to continue his work or transfer to another job.

Traynor's suit is especially relevant since job discrimination poses a double bind for people with AIDS. At the time they face enormous medical expenses, they are also threatened with loss of employment and health care benefits.

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NOTICES

THE NEW AGE GENTLEMAN'S CLUB has been underway for sometime. We have a variety of weekly activities planned. We aim at relating to the whole person - mind, body, spirit. Our goal is to offer more than just a social alternative to the Gay scene. We offer specific holistic growth alternatives to allow everyone to become more themselves and increase love and brotherhood. Each Friday we meet at 6:30 for a potluck dinner. Theme for the evening begins at 7:30. We welcome all who are looking for a more positive alternative and positive people. P.O. Box 40505, Tucson, AZ 85717.

TUCSON LESBIAN AND GAY PRIDE COMMITTEE (TLGPC) meets every second Monday at 6:30 p.m., alternating between the Fineline and Colette's West. Next meeting August 13 at Collette's, 2849 N. 1st Ave. Everyone welcome.

TUCSON ALTERNATIVE LIFESTYLE HEALTH ASSOCIATION (TALHA) Gay men's clinic, located at 101 W. Irvington is open from 6 to 8 p.m. every Friday. A $5.00 donation is requested. TALHA is in need of doctors and nurses to volunteer their services.

GAY AND LESBIAN SOCIAL RAP GROUP TUCSON meets every Tuesday evening at 8 p.m. at MCC, 560 S. Stone. Call Galen, 883-1328.

UNIQUE SENSUAL AWARENESS CLUB. Increase the quality of your pleasure. Write Omega, P.O. Box 40504 Tucson, AZ 85717. Enclose s.a.s.e.

TUCSON YOUTH GROUP meets every Saturday from 3 to 5 p.m. at 560 S. Stone. All Lesbians and Gays under 22 invited

LOST & FOUND

FOUND - A set of keys at Gay Pride Week picnic. Call Jim, 293-3515.

ROOMMATES WANTED

RESPONSIBLE MALE ROOMMATE wanted to share 2 bedroom apartment with UofA grad student. $140 plus half utilities. Near Blacklidge and Cherry in Tucson. Pool, a/c, laundry. Call Leon 795-1662. Late eves best. Leave message or keep trying.

PERSONALS

GWM seeks company while driving a van to Indianapolis - Ft. Wayne. Share some expenses. Leaving July 19/20. Call 885-2253 (9 a.m. - 6 p.m.) Tucson

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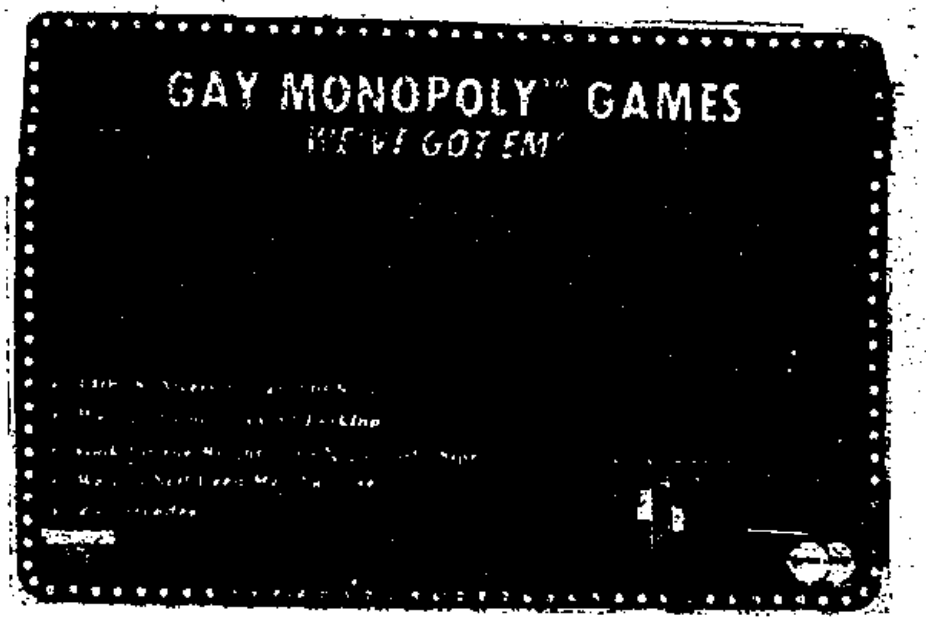

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